



#8/Andt a
T. McBeth - Brown
12/15/99

Express Mail No.: EM 061 024 592 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED
DEC 10 1999
TECH. CENTER 2700

Application of: M. BURKE

Application No.: 09/025,143

Group Art Unit: 2755

Filed: February 18, 1998

Examiner: S. LAO

For: FOREIGN OBJECT DEFINITION
INFORMATION REPOSITORY

Attorney Docket No.: 9318-004

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Amendment
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer system for retrieving object definition information comprising one or more software objects [in] encoded in computer readable form, said one or more objects having at least one interface defined in a first notation, said one or more objects encapsulating object definition information specified in a second notation without translating the object definition information specified in the second notation into the first notation, said second notation being different from said first notation.

7. (Amended) A method for accessing object definition information stored in one or more software objects residing in computer memory, comprising the steps of invoking said one or more objects by means of at least one interface specified in a first notation, said one or more object returning in response to said invocation object definition information